

Destination Updates as on 9 July 2021

INDIA

The Finance Ministry of the Government of India has announced a major stimulus to attract international tourists to India once the borders reopen for tourism. The scheme will waive off the Indian Visa fees for the first 5-lakh international tourists that apply for it. The offer is valid until 31 March 2022 or till the first five lakh applications are received, whichever comes first.

The announcement came as a part of the latest series of relief packages for the different economic sectors affected by the global pandemic including tourism. The Union Finance Minister also announced several other support schemes to help revive the tourism sector including provision of working capital or personal loans to people in the tourism sector to discharge liabilities or restart businesses impacted due to Covid-19.

With the vaccination drive in full swing across the country, domestic tourism is on the rise once more. While it is providing the much-needed boost to the industry, it is also necessary to remain cautious and vigilant about social distancing and sanitization protocols. State governments are also urging citizens to get vaccinated as soon as possible to prevent a third wave or minimise its impact.

Sita India has also launched its brand new website with a completely different look and feel that will let you explore the content with ease. The website comes with an updated user interface that is interactive and sure to make your browsing experience richer. Apart from beautified content, we have also included in-house videos, a section for Travel Safety, Sustainability, Experiences, and Travel Ideas. The complete website has been designed in-house. To visit our sparkling new website, please click here.

As on date, over 364 million doses of vaccination have been administered in India with over 4.9% of the total adult population having received both doses.

For detailed and latest updates on vaccination and number of cases, please <u>click here</u>.

